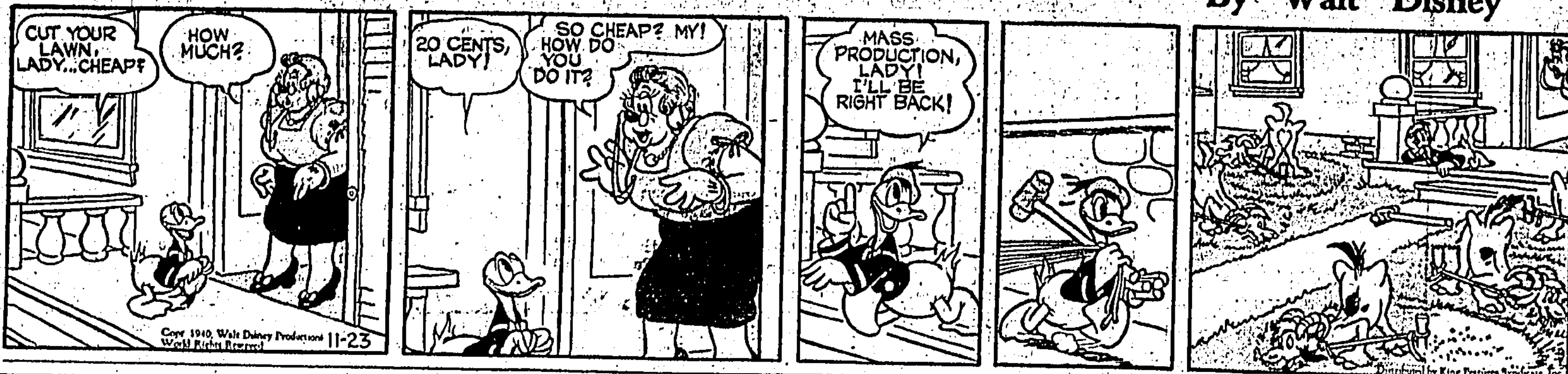


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The Nazis In The Channel Islands

Soft Soap Didn't Wash In Guernsey

"It was surprising, really," said Fred Hockey, "how things settled down on Guernsey, on the surface at any rate, after the Nazis had been there a few days."

After the shock of finding them there at all, the islanders were pleasantly surprised at first, to discover that the occupation did not seem to mean any particular hardships. But that was only at first.

It was not long before things began to get sufficiently intolerable for eight men, at least, to risk their lives in escaping to England.

Fred Hockey was one of them, and he it was who told me this story of Guernsey under the Nazis.

"The most difficult thing at first," he said, "was to get used to obeying the new regulations — and most of the time you had to obey them strictly, no mistake about that."

TWO MINUTES LATE

"The curfew, for instance. Nobody was to be out of doors after 10 p.m., and as the German sentry patrols were all over the place at night, and particularly on the road that runs all round the island, there wasn't much chance of dodging the curfew."

"In the first week two of the islanders were caught outside the Channel Islands hotel, where some of the Germans were quartered, and taken into the hotel for the night. Next morning they came up before the Kommandant in the courthouse."

"They were fined £1 each, and then they had to pay 5s. for their hotel accommodation! For the privilege of spending the night with the Germans."

Then there was the black-out regulation. We had a black-out before, of course, but the Germans were much stricter.

"If you showed the slightest chink of light, the nearest German simply fired through the window."

"Old Bob, the police constable, got a shot through his window that nearly hit him, because his wife had left a tiny crack in the curtains. Another man was shaving, and there happened to be a faint glow in his window."

"A German officer walked into the room, smashed the electric bulb with a revolver shot, and walked out again without saying a word."

"The most difficult thing of

all to get used to, though, was the attitude of the square-headed pigs themselves — that's what most of us usually called the German soldiers. They were so damned polite."

AGAINST THE GRAIN

"They soft-soaped us all the time. They saluted us, they stepped off the pavement to let us go by. It just made everybody sick, and there was nothing we could do about it. "A couple of days after the occupation, for instance, I was told that I should no longer be allowed to go to my signal station at the end of White Rock, but I should have a new office in the harbour building at St Peter Port, nearer the shore."

DUDLEY BARKER continues the narrative told by Fred Hockey, of St Peter Port

"When I arrived, I found two German officers sitting there. They stood to attention and saluted me, and then shook hands, saying they hoped that, as colleagues, we would be the best of friends."

"It went against the grain, but what could I say except that I hoped so too?"

"Lieutenant Hann, a young fellow in his middle thirties, was always telling me what a rogue, Mr Churchill was, and that one day the British would find he had sloped off with well-filled pockets and left us all in the lurch."

GIFTS OF CIGARS

"Well, I got on fairly well with the Germans at the harbour. I had to, or things would have been impossible."

"They always treated me well — too well really, that was the trouble. The Germans had obviously had orders to make themselves popular with the inhabitants, so they set about it thoroughly, but in quite the wrong way."

"They were always giving us things, and would not permit us to refuse them. They offered us cigarettes, drinks, even packets of coffee."

"They were always mixing with us in the pubs. We would say, 'Look out, here are the square-headed pigs,' but they took no notice of that."

"All we Guernsey men would turn our backs, but the Germans would force their way up and offer us drinks. We would say we had had enough, or make any sort of excuse, but it was no good."

"They would buy the drinks, put them down in front of us, and we had to drink them. Then they would bring out cigarettes and cigars, and compel us to accept them."

"At the same time there was a rigid regulation that no islander could buy his friend a drink in a pub. Each man had to pay for his own."

"If I wanted to stand George, here, a glass of beer, I had to give him the money before we went into the bar."

But that didn't apply to the Germans. If you refused the drinks they offered you there was trouble."

DEFINED THEM

"Sometimes we just couldn't stick it any longer, and we had to revolt."

"I remember one night I and some friends had got a bit merry in the London Arms at St Sampson, and we went home, and stood outside my house and sang 'God Save the King' as loudly as we could — the penalty for that was 15 years' penal servitude."

"Then my friends cycled home after midnight, more than two hours past the curfew time. There were plenty of sentries about, but I think we must have looked as though we were spoiling for a bit of trouble that night, and none of them spoke to us."

The islanders had to get used to their newspapers becoming practically German newspapers."

They printed all the German communiques, of course, and Fred Hockey was amazed, when he finally escaped, to find that the south coast towns of England were still standing, and had not been knocked as flat as a pancake."

COULD LISTEN IN

There was no ban, however, on listening to the English radio, and all the islanders flocked home at the hours when we broadcast a news bulletin."

"But there was trouble if you tried to pass on the news to the Germans," said Fred Hockey. "One afternoon I was fed up with hearing the sailors in my office gloating over the number of British planes the Germans were supposed to have shot down, so I told them the figures that had been announced in the 1 o'clock British news."

"They denied them so angrily, even threatening me with their revolvers, that I shut up, and didn't mention the subject again."

"From the very start," said Fred Hockey, "the Germans made themselves quite comfortable. The local tradesmen had to supply whatever food they needed. One butcher, for instance, was told one day to provide a thousand sausages. He had to kill some of our local cattle to do this."

"Officers went round to the farmers, demanding to see their best cattle and pigs, and commandeering them. They paid, but not very much. One farmer friend of mine got £2 apiece for his two best milking cows, paid in German marks. The cows were then killed as meat for the Germans."

"They commandeered cars just when they wanted them, and usually managed to smash them up, they drove so recklessly."

"There was no end of motor crashes, and I'm happy to say that at least 30 Germans killed themselves that way."

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FRED BAILEY
TRAINS THE SPOTLIGHT ON
WALLACE

Henry Agard Wallace is unique in American political history. He is almost the opposite of the "type" to which most political leaders conform.

It was a queer turn of fate — and politics — that raised him to the second highest political office in the nation.

Wallace has never held an elective political office. His only public office was as Secretary of Agriculture. He resigned to campaign for the Vice Presidency. Until four years ago he registered as a Republican.

Until his appointment to President Roosevelt's cabinet in 1933, Wallace was operator of an Iowa farm, a corn breeder, a farm economist and editor of "Wallace's Farmer," a magazine founded by his grandfather.

Wallace was born on October 7, 1889, on an Iowa farm. He was graduated from Iowa State College, where he studied agricultural economics, in 1910.

Four years later he married Ilo Browns of Indianapolis. They have three children — Henry B., 25, Robert, 21, and Jean, 10. The Wallaces led a quiet home life. Their Des Moines home is a stately stone house set back from the street in a spacious lawn. In Washington they occupy a five-room suite at the Wardman-Park Hotel.

Wallace likes music; prefers classical and religious selections. He reads extensively and has written several books. He walks as much as his duties will permit, throws the boomerang and plays a medium game of tennis.

His background helps to explain some of the things that have made him an enigma to many. His ancestors were ministers, farmers and editors.

His speeches are delivered with just a hint of the pulpit. He uses neither tobacco nor alcohol. Campaigning 25,000 miles for the vice-presidency, Wallace showed an increasing aptitude for public speaking. He spoke convincingly of farm problems, which through training and environment he became to know as well as any man in the Democratic party.

His father, Henry C. Wallace, was Secretary of Agriculture in Warren G. Harding's cabinet. He died in that office in 1922. His son, turned Democrat by failure of Republicans to adopt farm measures urged by the elder Wallace and supported Franklin D. Roosevelt for president in 1932.



His long advocacy of farm legislation bore fruit under the Democratic administration.

It came because Wallace, with Mr. Roosevelt's support, kept steadily at the job. The Agricultural Adjustment Administration, intended to control farm production through adjustment of plantings to market demands, was the first major farm legislation. The Supreme Court held an essential feature of that — the processing tax for financing it — invalid in 1937. New legislation, drawing directly on the federal treasury, was enacted.

Under Wallace's direction the Agriculture Department expanded from a scientific research agency so that its programmes include almost every phase of farm activity.

During the early days of the New Deal, Wallace worked 16 to 18 hours a day. He never was one of the "glamour boys" of the New Deal and he never was a member of the inner circle "brain trust."

Yet he had the confidence of President Roosevelt beyond that bestowed on more publicized aides. Wallace never liked to make speeches. He is shy, almost bashful in meeting people for the first time. Yet he made one of the most extensive campaigns ever made by a Vice Presidential candidate.

He emphasized in his speeches national defence, the New Deal farm and labour programmes, social security, banking and stock market legislation and attacked the public utility holding company record of Wendell L. Willkie, the Republican presidential nominee.

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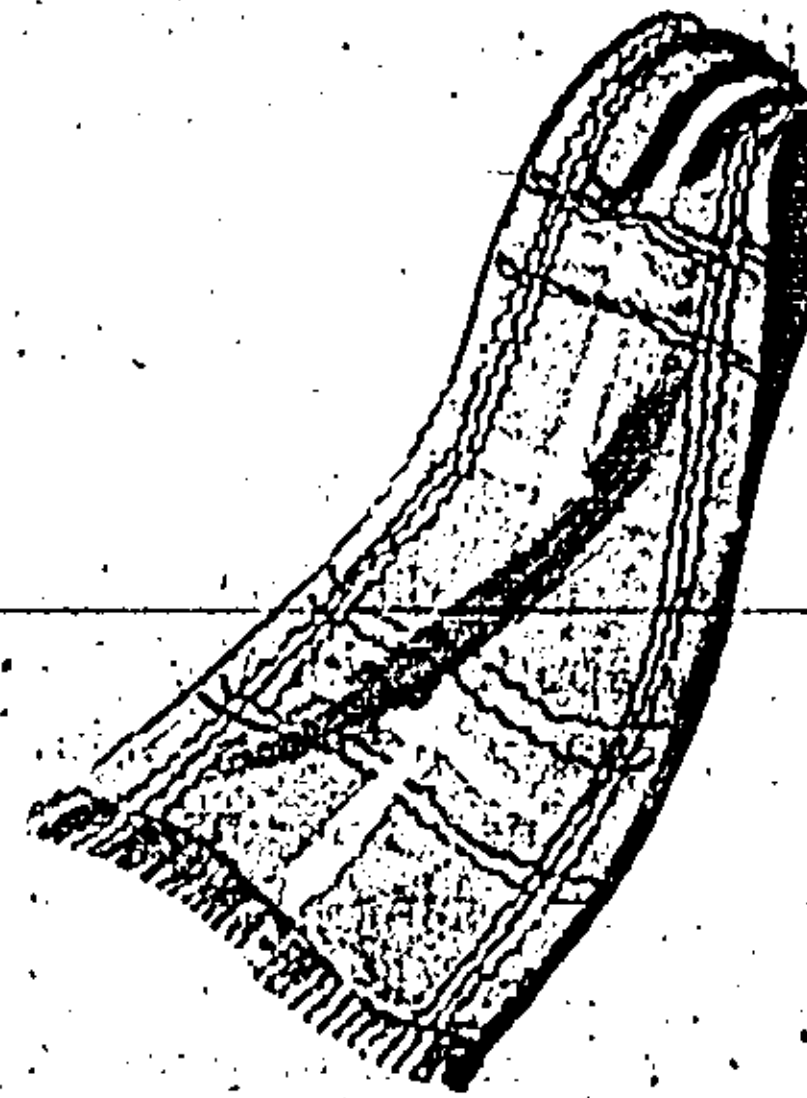
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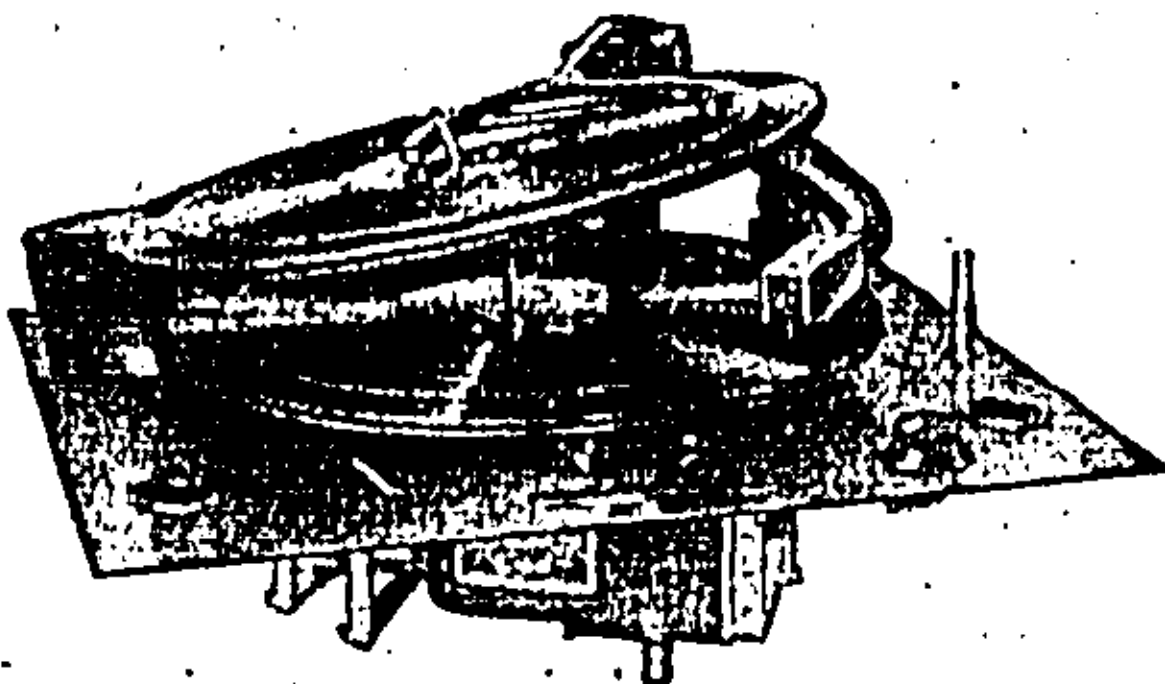
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A HEAVY HANDICAP

THE mistakes of statesmanship sometimes are not long in coming home to roost. It was as recently as 1938 that the British Government in its desire for a lasting basis of friendship with Eire, surrendered its right to use certain Irish ports, namely—Borehaven, Queenstown, and Lough Swilly. Though the shadow of Hitlerism had already spread over Europe, it was then deemed more important to placate the Southern Irish than to make sure that the Royal Navy and the R.A.F. should have the necessary bases for the most effective patrolling of the Atlantic should the nation again be fighting for its life against Nazi frightfulness at sea.

Eireann friendship for England remains a very debatable question, but the handicap to our warships and our aeroplanes is now very real, and what Mr. Churchill says on that subject has had the strong approval alike of Parliament and of the country.

A curious feature of this war, and one upon which its historians will have to discourse at length, is the manner in which, at every turn, Britain has been thwarted and had its dangers and responsibilities increased by a one-sided interpretation of their neutrality by certain small nations. Alone in the British Commonwealth, Eire holds aloof from the struggle and maintains the theoretical position that there is nothing to choose between the British and the Nazi way of life and methods of waging war.

Actually, it is well known in Dublin that if Hitlerism were to triumph Ireland would pay through the nose like the rest. Neutrality gives no protection against German rapacity. On the contrary, it has again and again placed trump cards in Hitler's hands, enabling him to win trick after trick in his desperate game for world dominion.

In the matter of the use of Irish ports, as in the growth of German air power, Mr. Churchill before the war showed vision far ahead of some of his political contemporaries. He is therefore entitled to complain that a grievous burden has been put on Britain's broad shoulders—a burden which she should never have had to bear. What we can do about it, is not said. Dictators may help themselves to the field and all that is in it, but we must not look over the hedge.

OIL FOR AXIS Great Transport Difficulty

ZURICH, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—The difficulties surrounding the transport of Rumanian oil to Germany are discussed in the "Gazette de Lausanne," which quotes the "Petroleum News Service." It points out that the freezing of the Danube, which occurred unusually early this year, leaves railways as the only means of transport, and this is limited to owing to lack of tank wagons. Even if Germany could bring additional wagons to Rumania, many would have to be used for petrol distribution within Rumania.

Recent earthquakes have also severely damaged Rumanian railways. In response to questions, the Commander in Chief of the China Station, Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, stated that the situation is not nearly as alarming as it appeared at first sight. It must be remembered that the 500 were landed on one island and were survivors from a number of ships which were sunk over a period of many months and it must not be thought that the sudden waves of sinkings had occurred in Pacific waters within the last few weeks.

ITALIAN PORTS, SHIPS RAIDED

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intercepted British aircraft and one bomber was badly damaged. (On) of our aircraft failed to return to its base.

In Italian East Africa, the R.A.F. dive-bombed an enemy camp and landing near Gubba. At Asaba attacks were made on stores warehouses and other military objectives.

Relentless R.A.F.
CAIRO, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Rapidly and relentlessly pilots of the Middle East R.A.F. Commonweal are smashing Libyan aerodromes and clearing the skies of Italian planes.

Since the 24-hours bombing hold-off on Christmas Day, the R.A.F. has resumed the aerial offensive on the Western Desert with increased determination and vigour, smashing Libyan aerodromes and clearing the skies of Italian planes. In 21 days of the great offensive, the R.A.F. record has been astonishing; over 200 planes have been shot down for certain, making an average of at least nine daily without counting many planes smashed up on runways and hangars. One Pilot Officer informed "Reuter": "We are destroying by low-flying daylight raids even more planes on the ground than in the air. It is impossible to keep a record."

Against this, the British losses have been really 20 planes, many of whose pilots are safe. Day and night, the R.A.F. is maintaining a ceaseless patrol of the Libyan skies, and the absence of Italian raids on Alexandria lately is clear proof of the serious position of the Italian air force.

Germany Raided
LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Targets in Germany and the Low Countries were attacked by British bombers in the course of reconnaissance operations on Tuesday, says the Air Ministry. The weather was unfavourable but bombs were seen to fall on a factory in Cologne. Objectives in Rotterdam and in the docks at Yvelen were attacked and near Flushing an anti-aircraft ship was hit and put out of action. Two British aircraft are missing.

R.A.F. Bombs Over Middle East

Italian's Steady Losses
CAIRO, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—British fighters steadily attacked Italian bombers throughout Monday and a number of successful reconnaissance flights were made over Bardia and Tobruk. On the Greek front two planes were shot down over the sea.

Offensive reconnaissance were carried out over a large area of Somaliland. Buildings alongside the landing ground at Selah were bombed and damaged. South African airmen machine-gunned aircraft dispersed on the Bardia aerodrome of Somaliland on Monday, one Italian bomber being totally destroyed by fire and others being severely damaged. Italian bombers escorted by fighters raided Malta on Monday but no material damage was caused and the casualties were two children slightly hurt.

It is now known that two more Italian aircraft were shot down during the engagement over Libya reported on Sunday.

Nippon's Merchant Navy

Crack Liners On Order

TOKYO, Jan. 1 (Domei).—Japan's growing merchant marine will continue to acquire crack liners during 1941. In April two 15,000-ton sister ships, the Kokoku Maru and the Akoku Maru, will be handed over to their owners, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha while the 17,000-ton Kasuga Maru, over the 17,000-ton Kasuga Maru. Two of the largest Japanese liners, the Kasuga Maru and the Izumo Maru, both of 27,000 tons, on order for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, are scheduled to be launched this year.

China Station Chief On Pacific Raider

—500 Rescued

Special to the "Telegraph"

SINGAPORE, Dec. 31 (UP).—It is officially announced that 500 persons have been rescued from Emarau Island in the Blakmar Archipelago where they were landed on December 21 by an enemy raider.

They comprise the passengers and crews from ships sunk by enemy raiders in Pacific waters over a period of some months.

Those left on the island have now been safely landed at an Australian port. They include British, French and Norwegian sailors, 70 women and seven children who are survivors from the sunken Rongitane, Holmwood, Notou, Ringwood, Trion, Triadie, Trilaster, Vinn, Turakina and Komata.

In response to questions, the Commander in Chief of the China Station, Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, stated that the situation is not nearly as alarming as it appeared at first sight. It must be remembered that the 500 were landed on one island and were survivors from a number of ships which were sunk over a period of many months and it must not be thought that the sudden waves of sinkings had occurred in Pacific waters within the last few weeks.

Appropriate Measures
Both the British and Australian navies, operating in the Pacific, are well aware of the activities of the raiders and appropriate measures are being taken.

In view of the large expanse of ocean to be covered it might take some time to bring the raiders to book as was the case in the last war, but he did not doubt that eventually all the vessels would be accounted for.

Will Hunt Them Out

SINGAPORE, Dec. 31 (UP).—Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton told this correspondent at his headquarters to-day, "I can say for the Navy that we are as determined to protect British interests and possessions in this part of the world as anywhere."

"Activity out here is confined now largely to the protection of trade—hunting down enemy raiders in these waters, the Indian Ocean and elsewhere. I cannot say exactly how long this will take but I can say as certainly as there are 365 days in 1941 that they will be brought to book. Meanwhile there will be some losses in merchantmen which must be considered inevitable but this results merely in inconvenience and not in vital damage."

"The spirit in the fleet out here is magnificent. The only difficulty is to check the crews who are bored by the monotony of patrol duty and who are eagerly awaiting the signal to fire."

GERMAN SHIPS IN CHINA Not Arming Says Tokyo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Dec. 31 (UP).—The Navy spokesman to-day characterised as a "false fabrication" the reports that German vessels in Japanese-controlled Chinese harbours are arming for raiding activities.

He said that the Navy would not permit such activities; no such activities were taking place in the aforementioned harbours. Such reports, he said, were undoubtedly similar to the unconfirmed report that a German warship with Japanese name and a Japanese flag had shelled Nauru for the purpose of causing a disturbance and he was without information that German raiders were active and were using Japanese mandated islands as a rendezvous.

Malayan War Effort

SINGAPORE, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Malay, whose financial contributions to the common British cause are already on a most generous scale, is to find another £2,500,000 annually for the war effort. It is derived from new income proposals which will be submitted for legislative assent in the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States.

Anglo-Chinese Accord In Financial Policy

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Central News).—Negotiations for securing a preliminary agreement for using British export credit to China and releasing to China materials from sterling countries will be initiated here soon, it is learned to-day from financial circles.

Previous and recent British credits were divided into two sections, export credit and currency equalisation funds.

The previous export credit valued at £3,000,000 was for purchases by China from areas within the United Kingdom, the recent credit of £5,000,000 is available for purchases from countries within the British Empire and the Dominions excepting Canada. The previous £10,000,000 Chinese Currency Equalisation Fund established in March, 1939, was subscribed equally by the Chinese and the British bank for the purpose of guaranteeing against losses by the British Government, while the recent £5,000,000 Equalisation Fund was subscribed by the British Government alone.

FINANCE POLICY IN U. S.

No Inflation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—The Federal Reserve Board is to seek from Congress powers to prevent inflation arising from the United States defence programme. In announcing the Board's proposal, Mr. Marriner Eccles, Chairman of the Board, said that the move was purely precautionary. "Inflationary tendencies, if unchecked, would produce a rise in prices which would greatly increase the cost of national defence."

Powers Sought
The powers for which the Board is asking are:

(1) increase in the deposit reserve requirements of all banks, whether national or state, subject to these requirements;

(2) removal of the President's powers to change the gold value of the dollar, repeal of the Treasury's authority to issue \$3,000,000,000 of "green back" money and to issue money against the foreign silver which it buys;

(3) neutralisation of expanding effects on currency resulting from United States purchases of foreign gold;

(4) sale of future issues of Government securities to individuals and corporations; not to banks;

(5) gradual increase of taxes until the budget is balanced.

The Board, according to the Chairman's statement, complained that while it had responsibility for credit control it had insufficient power effectively to carry out those duties.

Tuesday's Air Reports

Over South England

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—German air raiders were again quiet up to a late hour to-night (Tuesday), apparently grounded by cloud and fog. For several hours after darkness had fallen no raids had been reported from any part of Britain.

Daytime activity was confined to a few isolated attacks by single aircraft on Kent, Sussex and one raid on an East Anglian town where the streets were machine-gunned without, however, causing casualties.

Luftwaffe Claims
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Dec. 31 (UP).—The official news agency reports continuous Luftwaffe raids on Britain to-day and the bombing of London from a great height. It said that four British planes attempted to fly over German territory this afternoon—two were shot down by anti-aircraft fire and the other two dropped their bombs aimlessly and without damage.

Attempt To Fire London
LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—Referring to Sunday's fire raid on the city of London, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister for Home Security, said: "Not one military objective was hit or aimed at but those irreparable gems of history which London shared with millions of civilised beings who have never seen them, have been destroyed."

"This is shown the blackness of heart, the beastliness of spirit of these contemptible foes of all that is fine in human life; such is the ugliness of Nazism."

Rajah's Generosity

Bangalore, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—The Maharaja of Mysore has cabled £37,500 to Lord Beaverbrook and £7,500 to the Lord Mayor of London, the latter for air raid victims as a tribute to the fortitude of Britons.

British Advance In Libya

FROM PAGE ONE

quantities of army stores of all sorts.

Big Guns Batter Bardia

Jan. 1.—Big guns are thundering throughout the night, their flashes illuminating the sky, and short but intense patrol skirmishes make this battle of Bardia a more active affair than would appear from the strained daily communique.

The 20,000 Italians besieged in Bardia seem to be well and truly beleaguered now that our outposts fully control the coast between Bardia and Tobruk, while our patrols are regularly operating in the area south of Tobruk, about 75 miles inside Libya.

Bardia is certainly being heavily shot up, for in addition to bombardments by the air force and fleet, it is now also commanded by British artillery. By way of reply, the Italians have established an 11-inch naval gun, firing 100-pound shells, in the southern sector of Bardia's defences.

British troops have affectionately christened the gun "Bardia Bill."

Advanced Patrols
The work being done by the British advanced patrols is astonishing. One armoured car patrol spent Christmas day sitting on an Italian aerodrome due south of Tobruk, which was formerly the Italian main base for bombing Egypt.

Other patrols have established themselves right along the coastline between Bardia and Tobruk since Christmas Eve and a number of Italian prisoners have been captured among the rocky ravines in this part of the coast.

Admirable work is being done to ensure supplies reaching the most advanced troops. We passed streams of lorries somewhere of cheerful troops combined with nicknames like "Marion of Newcastle" or "Hilda of Glasgow."

Captured War Materials

The masses of captured Italian lorries and guns continue to accumulate, emphasising that Marshal Graziani must have been seriously deprived of material for the further defence of Libya.

A smiling young Intelligence Officer at Headquarters showed me a list enumerating part of the Italian stock taken, including over 1,000 lorries, 120 field guns, 70 tanks and 600 Bren guns. And this is only a portion of what the final total will be. Nevertheless full preparations have been made to provide for the eventuality of Graziani trying to relieve Bardia.

The more one sees of conditions at the front, the clearer becomes the relative insignificance of the achievement of our troops. As one dust-covered officer expressed it, "Tanks are not touring cars" and the rapidity and extent of the Italian retreat has thrown the greatest strain both on tanks and other vehicles which must be serviced in the field, sometimes under fire.

More officers and men of the crews have been living under the most rigorous conditions for the past three weeks, eating bullybeef and biscuits and sleeping in heavy vehicles despite the severity of the weather.

Typical Conditions

As we were trying to return to Sollum after a tour of the escarpment we had an illustration of this. Delayed by a mechanical breakdown our car was overtaken by a sandstorm and we spent much time cruising in the desert searching for "Hellfire Pass." Darkness fell before we could locate our base camp and five of us spent the night huddled in our car while the wind howled outside and the sand whirled in through every crack and the earth shook with the reverberations of distant guns. These conditions are typical of what our troops have been fighting in since the beginning of the campaign, though the fact that the weather is now not so cold has brought some alleviation and they are receiving encouragement from continual reinforcements.

As communications are stretched out it is only to be expected that our progress in Libya will be slower than it has been so far.

Battle Is A Siege

The battle of Bardia is a siege and no blitzkrieg. Recent Italian bombings of Sollum which comprise their main offensive activity, has been carried out by enormous air circuses seeking to hamper the possibility of the British landing supplies. The composition of these circuses is striking testimony to the respect in which the Italians hold the British and Australian air forces. About half a dozen bombers are escorted by about 40 fighters. In most of the recent encounters our fighters have shown that even these tactics are not completely safe.

Little formations of from three to eight fighters are regularly attacking the Italian circuses and in the last three engagements they have shot down at least eight Italians and probably the more, without a single loss to themselves.

FREE FRENCH VOLUNTEERS

On the occasion of the New Year a dinner was offered by the Committee "Franco Libre" at the Peninsula Hotel to the 27 Volunteers most of them from the s/s d'Artagnan who arrived from Shanghai, the December 31.

All the volunteers are seamen and they will stay in Hongkong for a few days awaiting further orders.

The Committee Franco Libre of Hongkong take the opportunity of reaffirming their faith in the final Victory of the Allies, thanks the Free French Fighting Forces for their courage and spirit of sacrifice under their valiant Commanders General Couraux, Admiral Muselier, General de Lami and Legentilhomme and extends to all Free Frenchmen good wishes for a New Year of great hope and victory.

BRITISH LARDER

Direct Attacks Of Enemy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 31 (UP).—In a broadcast to-day, Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food, warned the public that they would have to eat less in 1941. He said, "The enemy is making a direct attack on our food ships, sinking quite a number of them. The danger is much worse than in the last war."

Easy With Tin-Opener

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—A warning to housewives to make do with food that could be grown in Britain and to "go easy with the tin-opener," was uttered by Lord Woolton.

The danger to Britain's food supplies was much worse than in the last war. "The enemy is making a direct attack on food ships and is sinking quite a number of them," the Minister said. "That is indeed war in all its starkness against the food by which we sustain life. This war against food supplies may grow in intensity as the months go on."

Lord Woolton said that Britain ate nearly as much meat in 1940 as in 1939 and would have to do with less meat in 1941. He urged the public to eat more potatoes which were grown in Britain, and to eat less bread which was largely made from imported flour.

Berlin Squirms Under Verbal Lash Of President Roosevelt

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, DEC. 31 (UP).—THE NEWSPAPER "ANGRIFF" IN THE FIRST INSPIRED GERMAN PRESS COMMENT DENOUNCES PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH AS THE "PILING UP OF NOTORIOUS UNTRUTHS" adding, "IN THE WHOLE WORLD PEOPLE ARE ASKING WITH ASTONISHMENT WHY THE BOSS OF THE U.S.A. FEELS SO NERVOUS?"

The newspaper describes the speech as being full of "staleness and tokens of spitefulness, reminding one of the well known phrases in the Jewish world press."

America Stays Her Hand

Japanese Raw Silk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (UP).—It is learned that Administration officials have temporarily shelved the proposal to penalise Japanese raw silk imports. It was most prominently discussed that a 50 per cent. ad valorem duty be placed on Japanese goods.

The President under the Tariff Act of 1930, has the power to apply penalties where United States trade has been discriminated against. The shelving decision is reported to be based on the fact that the move would be an over-scrupulous blow to Japan's economy domestically where previous moves by the United States have been directed principally against the Japanese in their war effort.

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" says, "Only someone who is anxious to create a psychosis of hatred and war, only he can produce the ridiculous nonsense that only the Maginot Line and the British fleet guarantee the existence and security of the United States."

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" in an editorial headed "Inflammatory fire-side chat," comments that Roosevelt "with impudent falsification puts into the Fuehrer's mouth his own propaganda lies."

The "Volksischer Beobachter" says, "Roosevelt preaches blind hate against the Axis Powers. Lies and falsifications are intended to evoke a threat-psychosis. He invented the German plans for world domination."

Informed circles state that President Roosevelt's speech was founded on two false premises. Firstly, regarding the Fuehrer's aggressive intentions against the American continent, and secondly, the lie regarding the alleged attempt to gain world domination.

"Everyone here in Germany asks what were the reasons for the nervousness in every sentence and the irritation shown by Roosevelt over the microphone. The answer is Roosevelt's own bad conscience that should be regarded, along with Churchill, as equally responsible for the present situation in England which he, himself, evidently regards as lost," they declare.

Playing With Fire

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—"Playing with fire" is the comment of the German press on President Roosevelt's speech. Nevertheless it says that political circles in Berlin consider that the speech does not differ from previous pronouncements though the "number of untruths" seems to have increased.

Regarding the threats to South American countries, opinion in Berlin is that such threats originate in North America and it is the United States who is demanding bases from South America.

What the papers describe as Roosevelt's attempt to bring discredit on the German Italian alliance is regarded as "tactless and clumsy and not to the point, being similar to the attempt made by Mr. Churchill."

The German agency says Roosevelt is conjuring up to his people a danger which does not exist.

"He wants to force himself against his will and against his own interests to engage in a conflict which Britain yet loses."

Swedish Annoyance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 31 (UP).—The Dagens Nyheter editorially comments on President Roosevelt's speech saying that it was "misleading to compare Swedish ore exports to Germany to the United States exports of war materials to Britain."

The Swedish ore exports represent a direct continuation of normal trade relations with our southern neighbour. This was arranged for in trade negotiations while the United States, as far as we know, never made deliveries of war materials to Britain in peace time."

Indian Speaks For Britain

Co-operation Sought

CALCUTTA, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—"By supporting Britain, India would be supporting herself," declared Sir Chimanlal Setalvad at the Indian National Liberal Conference here to-day.

He was moving a resolution, which was carried, expressing appreciation of "Britain's heroic efforts" and asking for the wholehearted assistance of the Indian people in the war and expressing confidence in an Allied victory.

Hitler Explains War To His Countrymen

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, Dec. 31 (UP).—In the 2,500th war proclamation to the National Socialist Party, Hitler declared that Germany would fight the war to victory "and the final destruction" of those elements who are responsible for the war.

"These Democratic individuals with their interest in war who for decades caused world unrest and have caused the destruction of our people must be destroyed. Every power that feeds off these Democratic crutches will die therefrom. This war will be continued to its final consequences. It is our irrevocable determination to constitute a court of justice in which Europe will again find internal peace."

"This war will be continued to its final consequences—that is to say, until the criminals responsible for it are removed. It is no empty phrase but in bloody earnest when I give assurance that for every bomb, ten or if necessary, a hundred, will be dropped in return."

Hitler concluded by saying, "Because we are fighting for the happiness of the peoples, we believe we have first earned the blessing of providence. The Lord God has thus far given us His support in our struggle."

If we faithfully and bravely fulfil our duty, he will in the future not desert us."

Momentous Year

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—"A momentous year in German history has come to an end—a singular and overpowering sequence of events which in their revolutionary significance for the future development of mankind will only be experienced in their full extent by the later generation," said Hitler.

His proclamation said that that when the German people, after years of collapse, were united by National Socialism and found the way to recovery, their leaders were determined to create the future of the nation by peaceful work but the enemies of the Reich showed that they wanted to hinder the restoration of the German people.

"The criminal element of capitalist democracies wanted war and desired a long war as 'their greatest business deal'."

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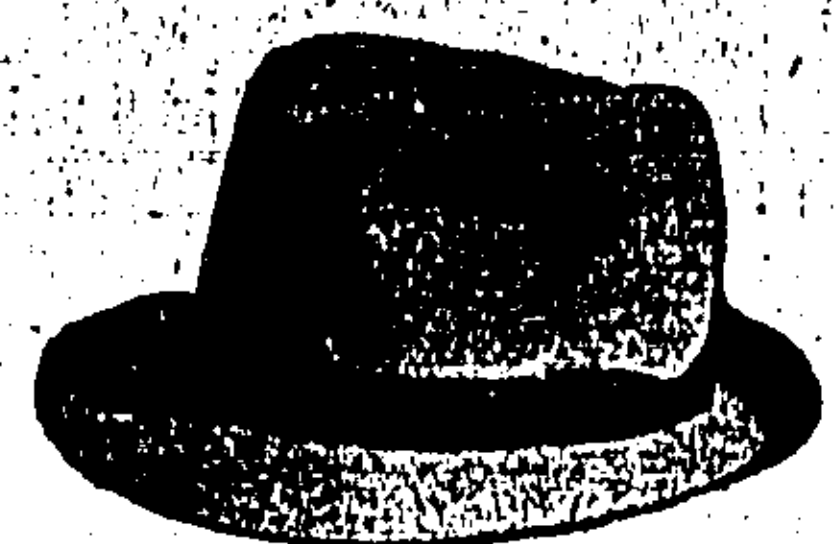
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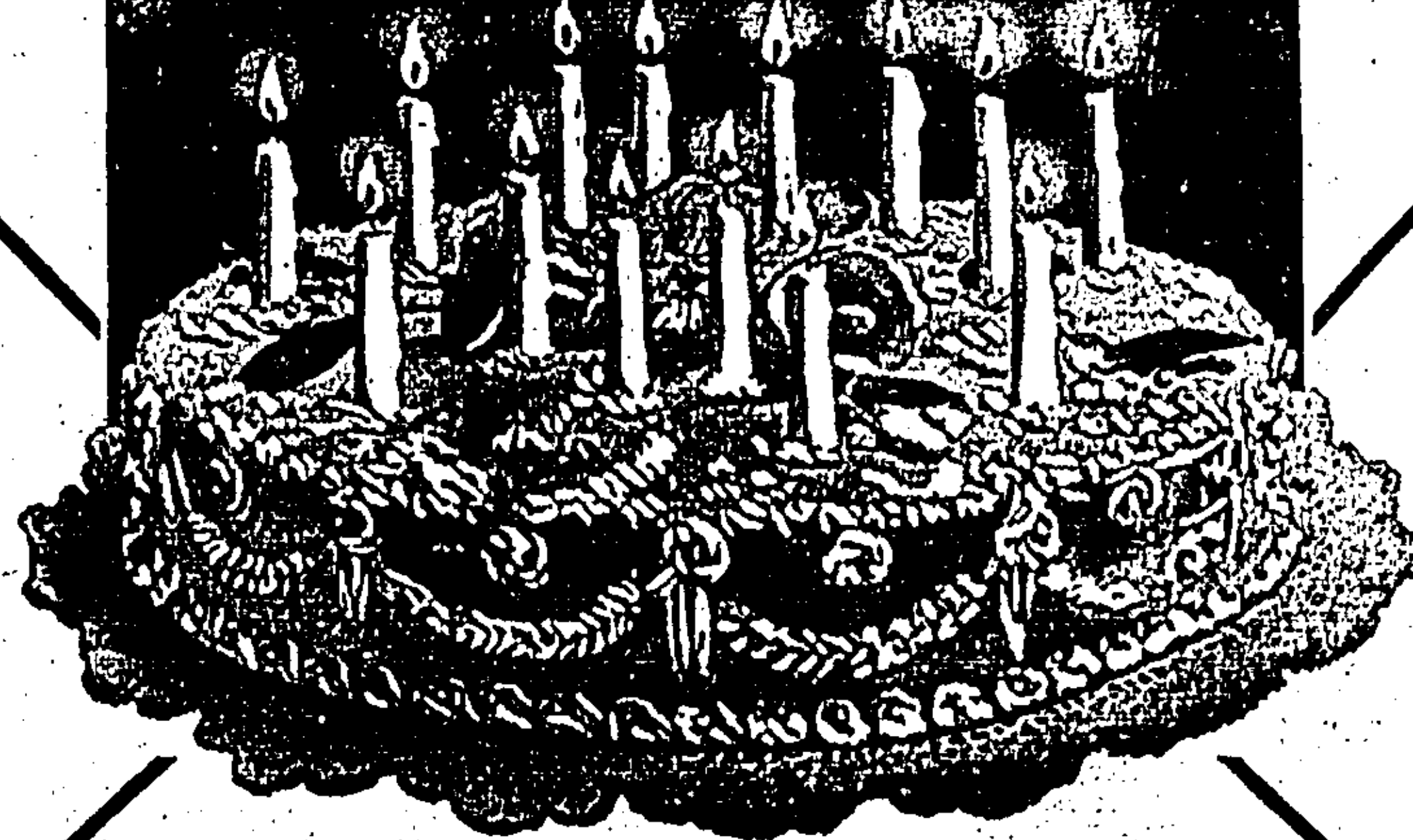
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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

Obstruction Rule Explained

Non-Enforcement By Umpires Tends To Lower Standards

THE OBSTRUCTION RULE is one of the most important rules governing the game of hockey, and the abuse of it by players is one of the cardinal faults. Laxity of some umpires in not enforcing it has been, to a certain extent, the cause of our not playing the better type of hockey.

The Rule reads:—"A player shall not obstruct by running in between a player and the ball, nor shall he interpose himself or his stick in any way as an obstruction to an opponent... nor attack from an opponent's left unless he touch the ball before he touch the stick or person of his opponent. There shall be no charging, kicking, shoving, tripping, or striking at, or holding, an opponent by any means whatsoever."

That is perfectly clear, and if thought over it will be found that it can be summarised by simply stating "Obstruction means depriving your opponent, by unfair use of your person, of an equal chance of hitting the ball."

That is the essence and spirit of the whole rule. It can be put another way: A player must not gain an advantage by the unfair use of his body, foot, hand or stick. If players would only read the rule as just broken up, or seriously reflect upon the summary of it, their hockey would improve, and they would not be liable to commit the great fault of obstruction.

Never Eliminated

It has been said that "obstruction" will never be completely eliminated from our game because of the human element, but much can be done to obviate it. Players often accuse an umpire because he is strict, and blame him for spoiling the play, but isn't it the other way round? Aren't the players to blame? By their ignorance, or willfulness, they create breaches or commit fouls which the dutiful umpire must penalise. Those umpires who have had a good deal of experience will tell you that rough games develop from obstruction.

Read The Rule

READ this rule through carefully and do not appear innocent the next time you are penalised. Watch other teams playing and you will find that obstruction is often caused by:

(i) Over-encroachment to get the ball;

(ii) Going for the ball unnecessarily hard;

(iii) Doing anything to get the ball, and

(iv) Doing anything to prevent an opponent getting it.

Goal-keeping Obstruction

THE goal-keeper is just as guilty of obstruction as any other player, and he must be penalised as with any of the others. But he often gets away with the following:

(i) Charging roughly into an attacking forward;

(ii) Running out between the attacker and the ball and so preventing the attacker from reaching the ball before it crosses the goal-line;

(iii) Running out to meet the attacker and then opening his legs and letting the ball go through;

(iv) Pretending to kick the ball, but standing in the road of the attacker so that the only way the latter can get to the ball is to "run through him."

Reverse Stick Play

DRIBBLING the ball on the left side with the reverse stick often leads to "obstruction." This is a common fault with left wingers. It is very difficult to tackle a player of this type from the right side because he is often guilty of obstruction, i.e., placing the body between his opponent and the ball.

Players running towards the side-lines with the ball should watch they do not place their bodies between the ball and the opponent who is tackling.

In a roll-in, if players find themselves facing the goal they are defending then there is every likelihood

BRILLIANT CENTURY FOR T.G.C. KNIGHT

Hongkong C. C. Defeat Wanderers By 7 Wickets

A BRILLIANT undefeated century by T.G.C. Knight for the Hongkong Cricket Club was the feature of their match with the Wanderers at the Club ground yesterday, and which Club won by 7 wickets.

Knight hit 16 four's. Another attractive innings was that of R. H. Griffiths (48) who played fine forcing cricket at a time when runs were needed.

Club bowling was never loose. Outstanding for Wanderers were Major Grose (37) and T. A. Pearce (37) who seemed to be in for a big stand. The end was when Knight came back sharply and off Pearce's pads bowled him.

Wanderers' bowling was rather weak. Denyer was unable to take his usual spell with the ball his hand having been hurt while batting.

Scores were:

WANDERERS				
Major D. C. Grose, c Baker b McEllan	37			
A. H. Coombes, b Baker	37			
T. A. Pearce, b Knight	37			
Major J. S. Sayer, b Perry	3			
P. J. J. Skipwith, b Perry	1			
Capt. J. F. Lawrence, c and b Haymes	14			
Capt. Head, c Haymes b McEllan	4			
K. E. Allanson, b McEllan	28			
Sgt. Denyer, c Ride b Knight	28			
Capt. Dewar, c Bosanquet b Knight	8			
Spr. Bailey, lb.w. b Knight	1			
Surg. Lt. Cdr. Finnie, not out	1			
Extras: byes 9, leg byes 10	19			
Total	192			

Fall of wickets—1/7, 2/63, 3/71, 4/92, 5/100, 6/110, 7/116, 8/162, 9/162, 10/192, 11/192.

Bowling				
	O	M	R	W
Baker	6	—	21	1
McEllan	8.1	—	34	4
Perry	6	1	30	1
Knight	11	—	40	4
Richardson	3	—	23	—
Haymes	3	1	10	1

HONGKONG C.C.

J. E. Richardson, lb.w. b Coombes	18
T. G. C. Knight, not out	100
A. E. Perry, b T. A. Pearce	31
R. H. Griffiths, lb.w. b Dewar	48
D. I. Bosanquet, not out	24
Extras: byes 7, leg byes 2	9
Total (3 wickets)	230
L. T. Ride, D. McEllan, M. F. L. Carey, R. S. W. Patterson and F. Baker did not bat.	
Fall of wickets—1/33, 2/86, 3/181.	

Bowling				
	O	M	R	W
Dewar	9	—	40	1
Finnie	3	0	11	—
Coombes	7	—	57	1
Pearce	7	1	38	1
Head	2	—	17	—
Skipwith	2	—	25	—
Baker	3	—	31	—
Lawrence	1	—	8	—
*Bowled one no ball.				

that they will be obstructing an opponent.

Tackling From The Left

THE player who tackles from the left must be careful of the following:

(i) He must not run in between the opponent and the ball.

(ii) He must touch the ball before he makes contact or touches the other player in any way at all. (Note: This form of tackling can only be done satisfactorily by using his left hand; using the right hand nearly always causes obstruction.)

(iii) He must not barge into a dispossessed opponent.

I would remind players that obstruction does not necessarily depend on the distance of the players from the ball, and "turning on the ball" does not constitute a breach unless an opponent has thereby been obstructed in an attempt to play the ball.

Cricket Comments In To-morrow's Issue

Owing to lack of space, "R. Abbit's" comments on the Hongkong C. C. - Wanderers match will appear in to-morrow's issue.

POLICE MATCH COLLECTS OVER \$500 FOR "BOMBER FUND"

A VERY enjoyable cricket match was played at the Police Recreation Club on New Year's Day when the "Convict 'em's" beat the "Acquit 'em's" by 60 runs.

Collections for the Bomber Fund realised over \$500—these coming from "ducks," "buttery fingers," slack fielding, imitating Bradman and impersonating a Policeman.

A pair of Roller canaries were auctioned and fetched a grand sum of \$308, the lucky man being Mr. Hogarth.

ACQUIT 'EM'S

S. (Pavanshop) Nolan, b Fitches	2
H. (Joe E.) Brown, lb.w. b Channing	0
J. (Spoil-sport) Orem, b Baldwin	7
J. (Coxswain) Hayward, b Baldwin	6
W. (Major) Kinloch, b McWalter	8
Red (Last) Post, not out	44
N. (Boxy) Reynolds, c Shepherd, b Parker	0
J. (Babe) Penfold, b Shepherd	4
J. (Amy) Johnson, b Estall	5
N. (Hash) Harris, b Fitches	1
H. (Whisky) Dewar, b Fitches	0
H. (Blimey) Billingham, b Fitches	0
Extras	20
Total	104

CONVICT 'EM'S

G. (Fa Wong) McWalter, c Johnson, b Reynolds	1
J. (of the Hills) Shepherd, c Reynolds, b Penfold	32
Sid (Nosey) Parker, lb.w. b Tyler	25
F. (Hot-cake) Tyler, lb.w. b Johnson	33
J. (Brown Bomber) Lewis, c Harris, b Johnson	7
A. (Ning) Estall, b Johnson	0
S. (Soda-scones) Baldwin, c Penfold, b Johnson	0
W. L. (Buster) Clark, c Penfold, b Dewar	26
F. (Old Nasty) Wear, c Hayward, b Johnson	0
R. (Stamp Licker) Fitches, not out	0
F. (Killing In) Channing, b Post	7
Extras	33
Total	164

Hongkong C. C. Team

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against Craigengower C.C. in the First Division on Saturday, January 4, at the Club ground:

L. T. Ride (capt.), N. D. Booker, A. J. Dewar, W. G. Finnie, M. F. L. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, M. F. L. Haymes, D. McEllan, D. O. Parsons, A. E. Perry and J. E. Richardson.

CHINESE XI BEAT REST

Hat-trick For Lee Wai-tong: Brilliant Forward Combination

(By "SCRAMBLER")

AFTER MORE THAN holding their own in the first half in their Charity match yesterday at Sookunpoo against the powerful Chinese eleven, The Rest were defeated by four goals to one. It was the same story repeated over again; for both teams had good approach work, whereas the Rest lacked the final finish.

Football

Home Soccer Programme Completed

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—The first part of the League Football programme has been completed with 26 Clubs completing in the various County competitions and 12 teams in the Cup competitions. These begin on January 4 and will continue until the League's war-time Cup competition starts on February 8.

The following are the fixtures on January 4:

Section "A"	
Aldershot	v. Crystal Pal.
Fulham	v. Queen's P.R.
Section "B"	
Millwall	v. Westham
Leicester	v. Arsenal
Tottenham	v. Clapton O.

MIDLAND CUP

Luton	v. Walsall
Lincoln	v. Notts F.
Sheff. Wed.	v. Stoke
Manfield	v. Northampton
Notts C.	v. West Brom

WEST MIDLAND CUP

Bradford C.	v. Middlesbro
Chesterfield	v. Leeds
Hull City	v. Huddersfield
Sheff. Wed.	v. Bradford

LANCASHIRE CUP

Blackburn	v. Manchester U.
Blackpool	v. Burnley
Bolton	v. Oldham
Chester	v. Southport
Liverpool	v. Everton
Manchester C.	v. Rochdale
Wrexham	v. New Brighton

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Grimby	v. Sheffield U.
Newcastle	v. Barnsley
Sheff. Wed.	v. Rotherham
Stockport	v. Preston

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Cardiff	v. Swansea
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The Cup matches are being played on the home and away principle, the venues being reversed for January 11.

Stanford Favoured For Rose Bowl Game

PASADENA, Dec. 31 (UP).—Both Nebraska and Stanford passed the final day before the Rose Bowl game in practice walking around the Bowl turf after both coaches had agreed that the scanty green was in no condition to stand pro-games.

While the injured are reported to be recovering, Stanford may be still concerned over the condition of Stan D. Lee (tackle), Jack Warner (end), Clem Tomberlin (fullback), Vucinich (Nebraska over-guard), Schwartzkopf (tackle), Behm (quarter), Petch (win back) and Zikmund.

The weather is predicted fair, clear and warm. The odds are still favouring Stanford, who, while lacking the Huskies' reserves, boast of speed passes and power.

Bantamweight Boxing

Jim Brady Wins British Empire Title

DUNDEE, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Jim Brady, local boxer, won the British Empire Bantamweight boxing championship 10-day out-pointing, Kid Turner, triple champion of British Guiana, in what was probably the first open-air contest to be held in Britain at this time of the year.

Japanese Civil Service

Drastic Reforms Approved

TOKYO, Jan. 1 (Domei).—Drastic reform was introduced into the Japanese civil service system when the Privy Council on Tuesday morning approved the Government proposal revising the regulations for the appointment of civilian officials of various grades and also abolishing the system by which they are removable only as a form of disciplinary action. The reform has been planned for many years but encountered strong opposition among officialdom. It will result in opening the doors to official careers to persons of ability who hitherto have been excluded from Government posts by rigid civil service regulations.

It was a great day for Lee Wai-tong; he was in one of his irresistible forms, for in scoring his "hat-trick", two of his goals were of the copy book type. He was ably supported by his other forwards and on the whole, their stronger finishes paved the way to their victory although in the first half, they were sorely put to the test, and only the staunch work put in by the defence kept their goal behind with one against them.

With rugged defence, the Rest played well, and Robinson in goal gave another of his spectacular displays, his savings at the feet of the onrushing forwards drew rounds of applause. Thanks to the brilliant work put in by Roughley and Edmunds at back, the Chinese were unable to penetrate their defence, and it was only after the change over that they asserted their supremacy, for by then the intermediate trio, with the exception of Freshwater, gave way under pressure.

Leonard on the day's play as a centre half was a failure, for though keeping check on the fast inside Chinese trio, he was unable to sort them, although at times, his positionings and clearings relieved many dangerous situations. Britt was inclined to be slow, although he kept a firm hand on Chung Yung-sum. Freshwater as stated, played well, but he was up against a fast pair in Lee Wai-tong and Lee Shek-yau.

Thrustful Forward

FOX made a very thrustful leader, his through runs invariably had the Chinese on the wrong foot, but he was not well supported by his inside men. Le Page combined very well with Owens, but the latter had a very off day with his clearances, being either feeble or short. Hendy worked hard and he should have played up with Fox. Fraser on the extreme left kept in his share of the work, and tested Chung Yung-choy on several occasions with first time shots. The majority of them must have left their shooting boots at home.

The Chinese deserved to win if but for their superior team work. Chung Yung-choy did not have as much work to do as did his opposite number, and several of his saves were very timely. The pair of backs were sound, and covered their front men well.

Tse Kam-hung was certainly no success as a half back, for when he was assigned to mark the Le Page-Owens combination, this pair had him on a merry go round. Both Soong Ling-sing and Hsu King-sing played well, their clearings and positionings were well to the fore.

It was in the forward line that real quality was to be seen. They were stronger in this department, where all five players shone up well. Hsu combined well with his inside men, and the craftiness of Fung King-cheung combined with the artistic footwork and ball distribution of Lee Wai-tong delighted the spectators with some clever football. Both wingers did what was required of them.

Even First Half

PLAY was very even in the first half. Both keepers were tested feebly by the forwards. With only the Chinese keeper to beat, Fraser

shot wide in one of the Rest attacks. The ball was in the Chinese half for several minutes and in the resultant scrimmage, a defender cleared.

In close succession Robinson saved from Lee Wai-tong and Fung King-cheung, and close upon this Robinson had to dive at the feet of Fung to effect a clearance.

Following further midfield play, the ball was sent across to Owens, whose centre was neatly turned into a goal by Fox with his overhead kick which found Chung Yung-choy unaware.

Second Half

AFTER the change over, the Chinese reshuffled their middle trio. Soong Ling-sing took over the pivotal berth, Tse Kam-hung went over to right half and Hsu King-sing went to left. This change did some good for hereafter, with the exception of occasional breakaways, the Rest were given a gruelling time.

Lee Wai-tong was in deadly form with his shooting and whenever given an opportunity he made good use of same to turn it into good account. Leonard was unable to give the Chinese forwards the same attention as he did in the first half with the result that the pair of backs were over-worked.

Following Chung Yung-sum's centre Leonard failed to intercept the pass and Lee Wai-tong took possession to edge with a grounder to level the score. At the other end Chung Yung-choy did well to tip Fox's header over the bar.

Following upon this the Chinese went to the attack, and Lee Wai-tong scored two beautiful goals to complete his "hat-trick" to put his team two up. Fung King-cheung completed the scoring when he was left unmarked to score with an easy shot as the sun was against the players' eyes.

Prior to and during the interval of the game, the Band of the 2nd Midland Regiment, rendered selections:

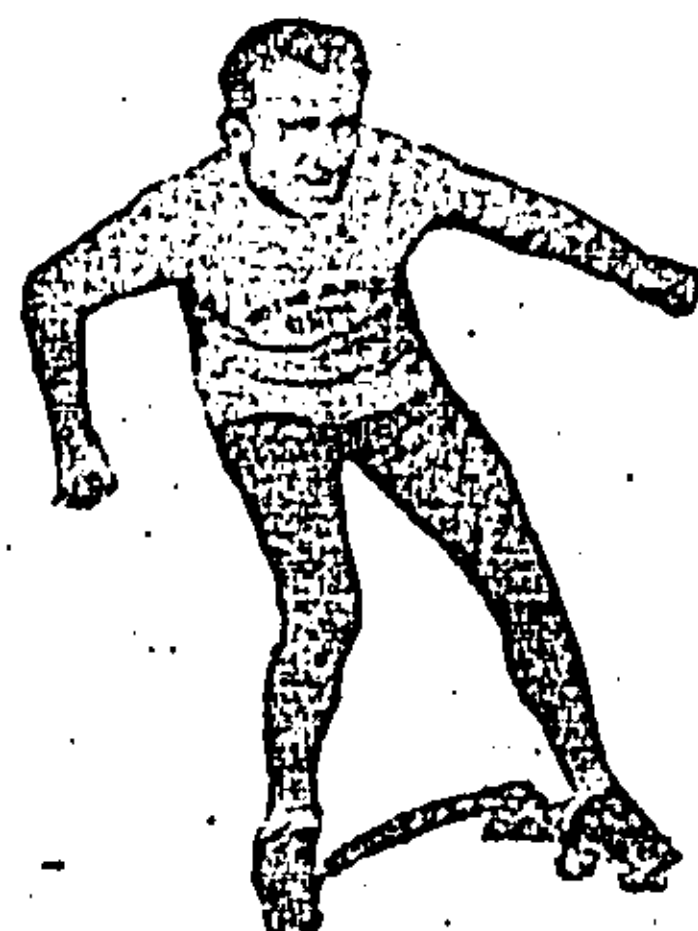
Chinese: Cheung Wing - choh; Tsang Chung-wan, Lee Tin-sang; Tse Kam-hung, Hsu King-sing; Soong Ling-sing; Chung Yung-sum; Fung King-cheung, V. K. H. Hui; Lee Wai-tong, Lee Shek-yau.

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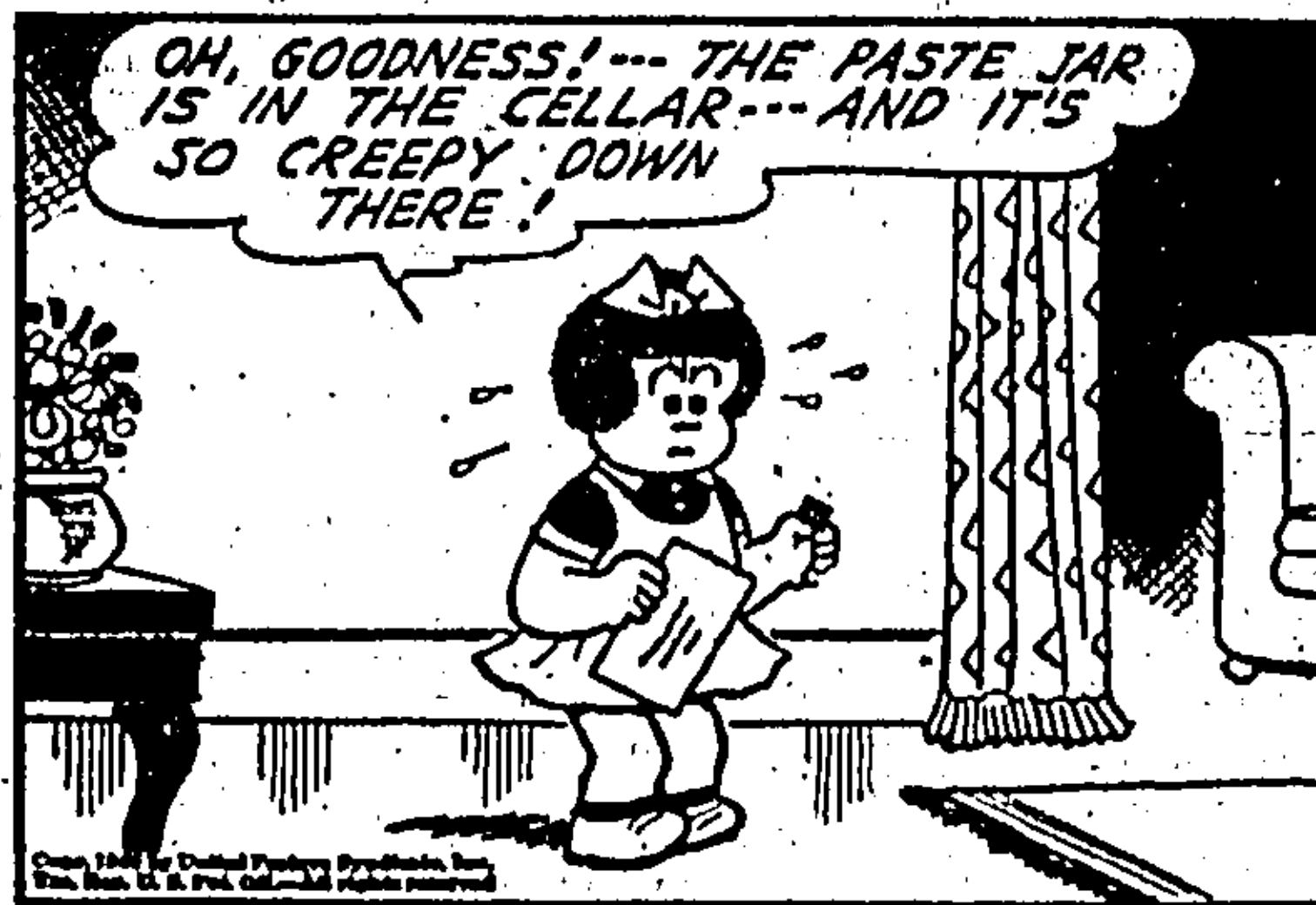
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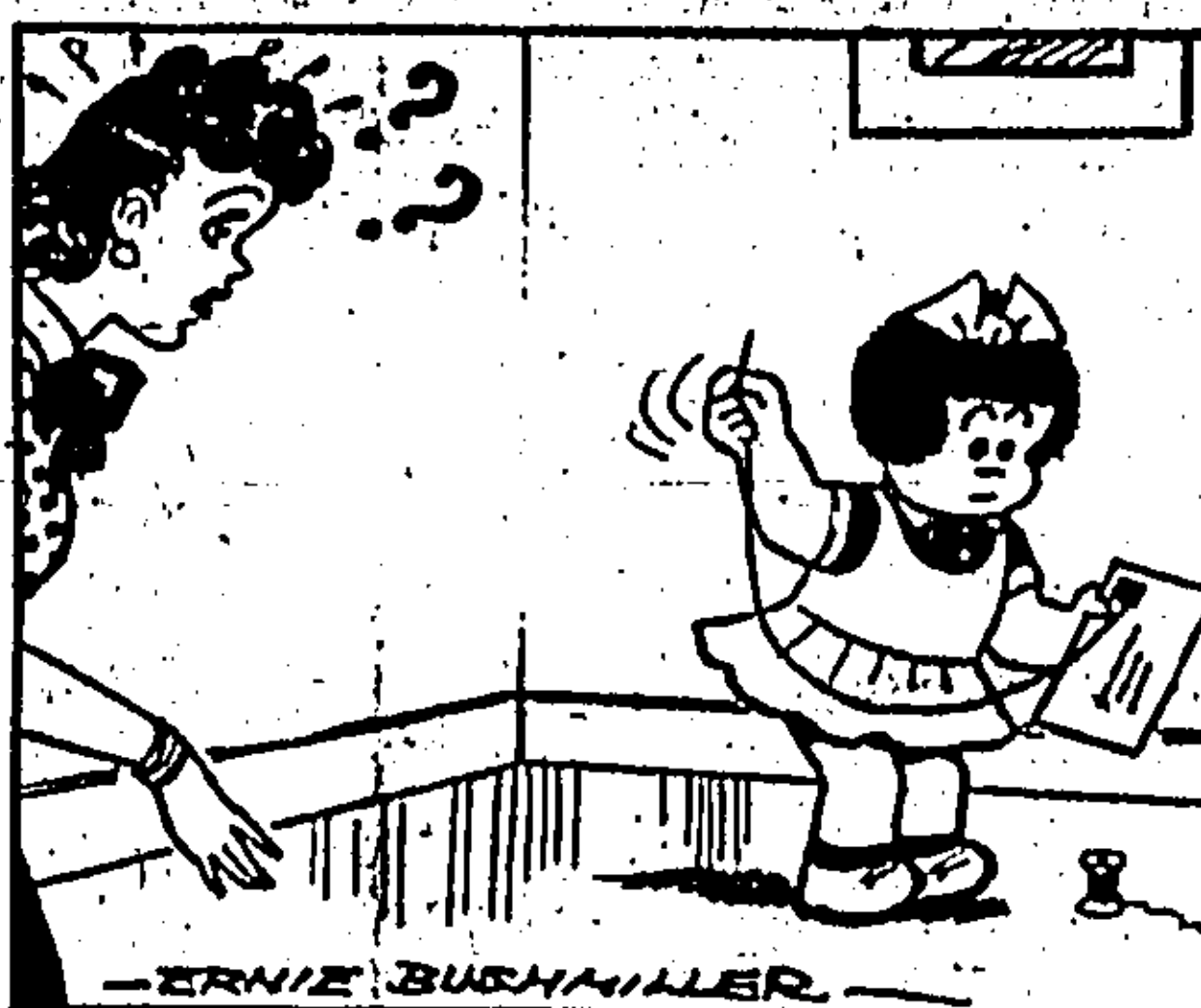
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



Russia's Stand With U.S., China and Japan

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 31 (UP).—Miss Anna Louise Strong, the American journalist, predicted that Russia will not sign any treaty with Japan because of the effect it would have on morale at Chungking.

Even if Russia did sign such non-aggression pact, neither party would trust each other and, therefore, the pact would mean little.

American exports to Vladivostok could not be imported directly to Chungking but such export would help in meeting the supply shortage in the Russian Far East and other Russian supplies going to that area could easily be diverted to China, Miss Strong said.

Miss Strong said she believed that Kuomintang and Communist friction is now probably more serious than at any time since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war but she did not predict a breakdown in the united front because during the last three years a settlement had been reached.

Civil Heroes Of Britain

Morrison's Words of Praise

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—"Keep at it" in the battle for freedom is the slogan for the civil defence services, says Mr. Morrison, Minister for Home Security, in a message to these services.

Each day, he says, "sees civil defence services growing in efficiency, profiting by experience, becoming more compact, more disciplined, developing stronger esprit de corps, and coping successfully with each new manifestation of feigning which falls from the skies in a vain attempt to break the spirit of the British people."

Thousands of brave men and women who sacrificed their leisure and trained in various branches of civil defence have undergone ordeal by fire and bombs, he says, adding "they did not flinch and they will not fail us whatever is in store."

Shanghai View

SHANGHAI, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—The American-owned "Post and Mercury"

Warning That Japan Is Ready To Invade South Indo-China

CHUNGKING, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—The "Ta Kung Pao" reports that Japanese occupation of southern Indo-China is imminent, probably by a landing at Saigon and Camranh Bay. Over 100 Japanese aircraft are said to be concentrated at the Hanoi airfield.

In an editorial on the Indo-China situation, the newspaper says that representatives of Indo-China revolutionary bodies held a conference on Sunday at which "The Indo-China People's Freedom Movement Committee" was formally created.

The Indo-China Independence Revolutionary Alliance recently sent a representative, Ho Cho-hua, to China, seeking Chinese assistance and ten days ago he received Chinese promises in Kwailin. On that occasion he explained the aims and activities of the Indo-China independence movement.

However, the "Ta Kung Pao" warned the Indo-Chinese people against Japanese intrigues which are supplying arms and funds to certain Indo-China groups for an uprising.

Singapore Is Prepared

By John Morris
FAR EASTERN MANAGER
UNITED PRESS

SINGAPORE, Dec. 31 (UP).—Various high American, British and Chinese officials, during the course of the past three weeks, told me that the Anglo-Chinese-American front in Asia enters the new year supremely confident and determined to protect its interests forcibly wherever necessary.

During this period, I have travelled from Tokyo via Shanghai, Hongkong and Manila to Singapore—the heart of Britain's Far Eastern defence system and the world's largest naval base which doubtless would be available to the United States as well as to the British navy if we ever needed it.

Governor's Confidence

The Governor of the Colony, Sir Shenton Thomas received me yesterday and discussed with situation with confidence.

General Wu Teh-chen, the Minister of Overseas Affairs at Chungking who is touring Malaya told me, "China is growing stronger as Japan grows weaker."

Numerous American officials who were interviewed recently expressed deep satisfaction at the present state of our preparedness in the Pacific area and the progress of our further preparations for any eventuality.

Indo-China Hostilities Thailand Unit Is Repulsed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Dec. 31 (UP).—It is officially announced that Cambodian patrols clashed on December 28, 27 and 26.

In the first clash, Thailand motorcyclists attacked north of Polpet. They were repulsed and left 15 dead and wounded. The French had only one casualty, he was slightly wounded.

The next day Thailand regulars again attacked 80 miles north-east of Polpet but "the Cambodians" were able to withdraw without losses.

The next day, Thailand planes dropped leaflets on the French side of the Mekong river.

"Reuter" adds that two of the Siamese killed were officers.

French Repulsed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Dec. 31 (UP).—Today's High Command communiqué states that there were skirmishes in the Aranya and Ubol sectors yesterday when the French are alleged to have attacked Thai frontier posts.

The French were repulsed in all instances and there were no Thai casualties.

VESSEL CHASED

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (UP).—The Mackay ship intercepted a message from the British steamer Donax, stating that she was being chased by a submarine in latitude 58.40 north, longitude 17.50 west at 10 a.m., E.S.T.

Wall Street Comment

Good Year-End Rally

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (UP).—On the last day of the year's trading many experts commented that the outstanding feature of the year was the market's ability to do as well as it has in the face of world news. They said the fact that the year-end rally finally came despite the war news, higher tax prospects, the budget message and the lack of speculation, made it all the more significant.

The best they can say regarding the future is that the list will continue to be highly selective based on the ability of the various countries to show war contract earnings. Any new excess profit tax will be sure to bring further selective trading according to the Street experts.

CLIPPERS FOR EMPIRE ROUTES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—Three flying boats of the American Clipper type have been purchased for Britain from the American Airways and they will be used to "maintain Empire communications" according to Mr. Morris Wilson, representing the British Ministry of Aircraft Production.

The flying boats are nearing completion and, according to the "Baltimore Sun," a British crew is proceeding to America to study the operation of the aircraft.

Pétain Strikes Note Of 1941

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Dec. 31 (UP).—Marshal Pétain in a touching midnight radio appeal to the nation, called on the people of France to make 1941 a "year of French recovery."

"It will be if you close around me with the same faith for the country and the same determination to serve."

"To-morrow we will win our first victory. We will replace criticism by effort; 1941 must be a year of hard work."

He warned against those who are "trying to break up the nation."

Crossword Puzzle

By LAKE MOORE

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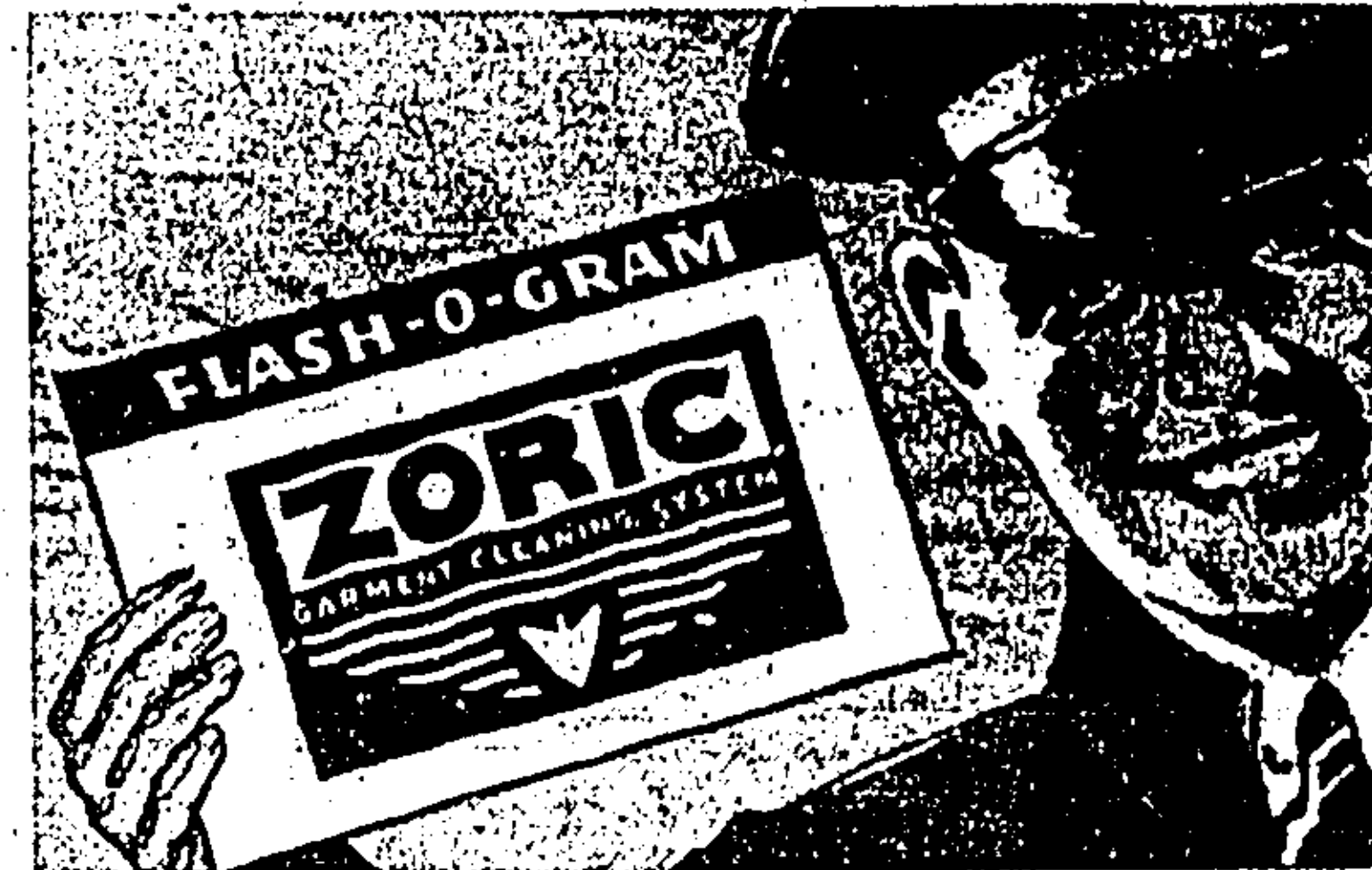
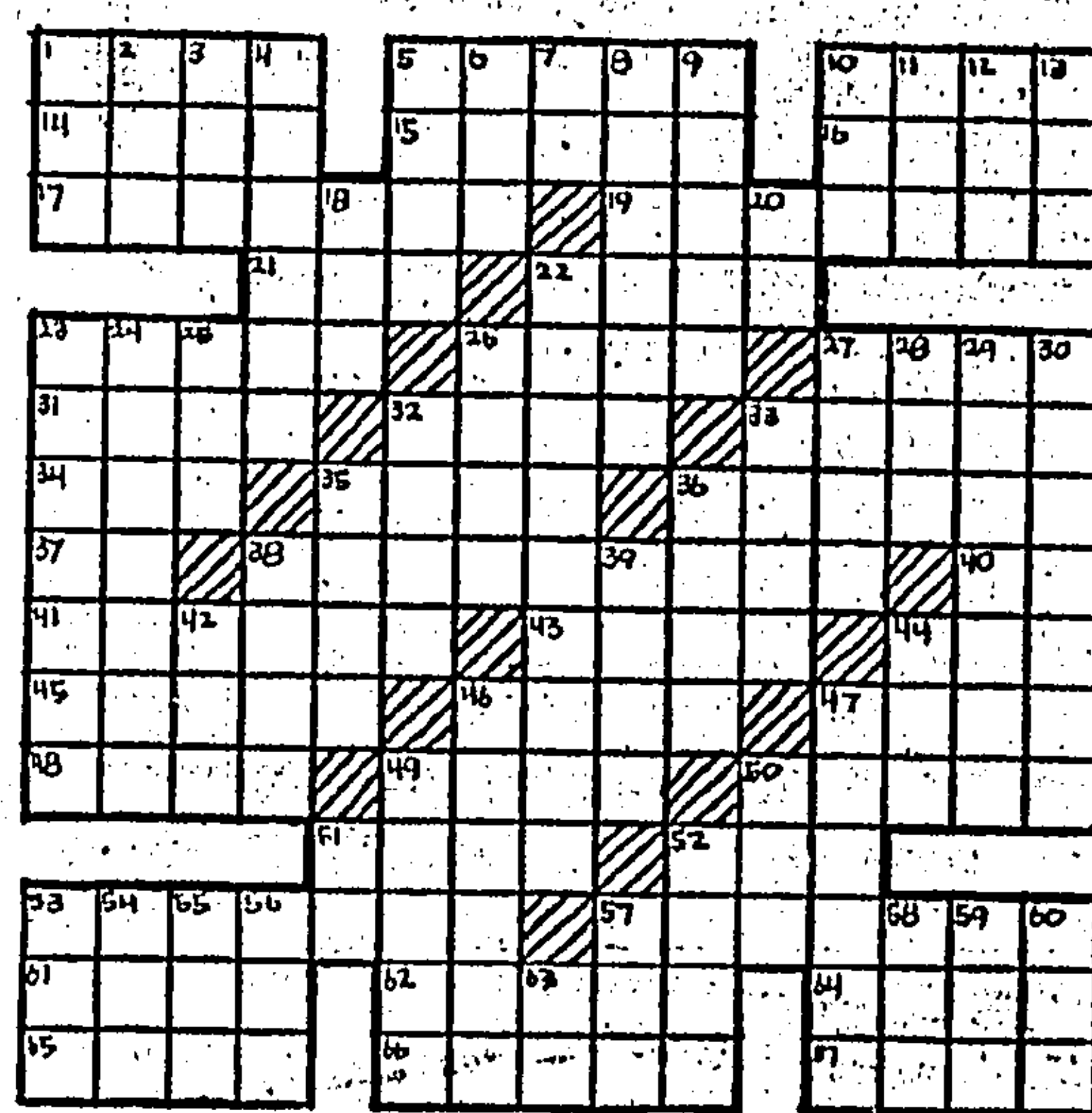
1—Promontory
2—Carrot
3—Rock
4—Attack
5—Hole
6—Breathing-space
7—Wheat
8—Supporting line
9—Bill of the
10—Maintained
11—Fervent
12—Vegetable
13—Animal
14—Tree
15—Indian tree
16—Sudden necessity
17—Principle of
18—Openwork fabric
19—Prince of Tunis
20—Willow
21—Fruit
22—Arctic bird
23—Make sound like
24—Maiden's name
25—Lubricant
26—Favorable
27—Fervent
28—United Kingdom
29—Line talk
30—Entrance
31—Insanity
32—Epoch

DOWN

1—Heart
2—Parasol
3—Sound secretion
4—United Kingdom
5—Line talk
6—Entrance
7—Insanity
8—Epoch

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—Grinding implement
2—Patriotic rule
3—One in favor of
4—Korean weight
5—Eastern state (abbr.)
6—Harvest
7—Solid vegetable
8—Arctic bird
9—Maiden's name
10—Lubricant
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Eight Residents In Honours List

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Service, and is one of its chief supporters.
She arrived in Hongkong in 1924, having previously served as a nursing sister with the Johore Government. In her 10 years in the Colony, she has served the Hongkong Government with devotion and distinction. As Principal Matron, Miss Sutton has been in charge of the Queen Mary Hospital since its opening.

Mr. L. Brewer

Mr. Leslie Brewer has been Chief Inspector of the Sanitary Department since 1935. He has been in the Colony since 1911, and previous to joining the Sanitary services he was with the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

Lady Pollock

Lady Pollock, wife of the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Executive and Legislative Councillor, has spent most of her life in the Colony during which time she has been active in practically every charitable and public welfare organisation.

At present she and her husband are in Australia, having left the Colony in July.

Lady Pollock's chief interests of recent years were the Street Sweepers' Society and refugee camps, though she still continued to assist the St. John's Cathedral Women's Guild, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and other committees.

Mr. W. B. Finnigan

Mr. W. B. Finnigan received his honour for steady and meritorious service as Registrar to the Hongkong University, a position he held from 1920 to the middle of this year when, with his wife, he retired to live in Victoria, B.C.

Mr. Finnigan came to the Colony from the education department of Bengal just after the arrival of Sir William Hornell. Throughout his stay he gained the affection and esteem of generations of undergraduates and played his part in the continued growth of the University to its present status.

Detective Shek Tui

Principal Chinese Detective (Kowloon) Shek Tui has received his signal honour for one of the most remarkable careers in the record of the Hongkong Police Force.

Since 1911 when he joined the service, his card is a long list of commendations and awards. Perhaps his most spectacular exploit was in 1924 when he received the Fourth Class Police Medal for his part in capturing armed bandits in Canton Road. This was a shooting affray in which Chief Inspector J. C. S. Fender, Sergeant Robertson (since invalided home) and an Indian Sergeant, were wounded before four desperate Chinese were captured.

In 1931 Tui received the Third Class Police Medal, in 1935 the Second Class Police Medal, in 1937 the Colonial Service Long Service Medal and the First Bar.

He was commended by the Governor, the Commissioner of Police and Magistrates more than 15 times.

Japanese Lose Concession

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH":
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the Government has secretly cancelled the exploratory oil concession which was granted to Japanese interests—the Vera Cruzana Company—in Vera Cruz State.

It is understood that the company has obtained a temporary injunction pending a final hearing in June.

Vichy-Nazi Dealings Veiled

FROM PAGE ONE

have broken off negotiations, it is reported here.

No Confirmation

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—No confirmation of the breakdown of negotiations between Petain and Hitler have been received here and in authoritative circles it is pointed out that all reports of this character should be treated with reserve.

Fleet At North Africa

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Petain's firm action in sending units of the French fleet to north Africa has baffled Hitler, according to independent French news agency. When Hitler demanded an explanation of the move he had to be satisfied with the answer that the ships were needed to protect the French empire against de Gaulle.

The agency adds that the departure of the ships emphasises Petain's determination to make Germany strictly respect the spirit of the armistice. "Sweeping powers to control raw materials and factory products for the duration of the war were taken under Government decree published to-day."

500 Survivors Of Raider

FROM PAGE ONE

Five hundred survivors have now been landed in Australia.

"Other references will be found on Page 4."

Bombardment of Nauru Is.

SYDNEY, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—The Commonwealth Government has acquainted the Japanese Government with the facts about the shelling of Nauru Island in the Pacific by a German raider last week.

Enquiries now make it clear that the vessel flew the Nazi flag during the bombardment, though Japanese flags were flown earlier.

The Japanese Consul-General hopes to make a statement on the subject to-morrow.

LATE NEWS

New Year Day Thefts

Mr. J. W. French of No. 16, Lock Road, reports that between 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve and 4 a.m. the next morning, someone broke into his flat through a verandah window and stole \$480 from a chest of drawers.

Mr. H. C. Keech of the same address had \$107 stolen.

Mr. A. C. Tribbel, 3 Cox's Path, had a spare wheel with Dunlop tyre stolen from his car which was parked outside his house, on New Year's Day.

Lieut. Munro of Gun Club Hill, reports that the roof of his car parked outside the I.C.C. was slit open early on New Year's Day and an officer's military great coat and cap, valued at £70 were stolen.

FOUR NEW PEERS

FROM PAGE ONE

Ministry of Labour and a well-known arbitrator in labour disputes.

Women Honoured

Women also figure prominently—four becoming Dames Commander of the British Empire. They are Miss Irene Vanbrugh, for services on the stage; Stella Dowager Marchioness of Reading, Chairman of the Women's Voluntary Services for civil defence; Mrs. Randra Stanley, for public and social welfare services in Southern Rhodesia; and Viscountess Craigavon, widow of the late Premier of Northern Ireland.

The New Year Honours List includes the British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Leslie Craigie, P.C., K.O.M.G., C.B., who becomes a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (G.O.M.G.).

Oversea Knighthoods

India, the Dominions and the Colonies have their customary prominent share in Oversea Knighthoods. Mr. R. D. Nicholas, Speaker of the House of Assembly of South Australia; Mr. Edmund Charles Richards, Resident Commissioner of Basutoland; Manohar Lal, Finance Minister of Punjab; and Khan Bahadur Azizul Huq, Speaker of the Bengal Legislative Assembly.

Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath—Sir Charles Bonham-Carter, Aide-de-Camp to the King and former Governor of Malta; and Sir Eric Phipps, former Ambassador to France.

Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath—Sir Marshall Ernest Leslie Gossage and Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George—Sir Harold MacMichael, High Commissioner for Palestine, and Sir Robert Leslie Craigie, Ambassador to Japan.

Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George—Mr. Godfrey Martin Huggins, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia.

Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire—Mr. Kenneth Oswald Popple, chief cashier of the Bank of England, without whose signature no modern British bank-note is genuine; and Lt. Col. Frank William Frederick Johnson, who commanded the Pioneer Corps for the occupation of Southern Rhodesia (1899).

Science Recognised

Science is recognised by the awards to Edward Victor Appleton, Secretary to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and to Michael Robert Thomson Leiper, Director of the Department of Parasitology of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Captain Lord Louis Mountbatten, cousin of the King, receives the Distinguished Service Order. He recently brought his destroyer, Kelly, safely to port after being torpedoed, and he also brought his next ship, the destroyer Javelin, safely to port after being torpedoed.

A notable feature of the list is the recognition of the part played by the aircraft industry in the success of the R.A.F. Sydney Camm, of the Hawker Aircraft Company, and chief designer of the Hurricane fighters which have taken so heavy a toll of German machines becomes a Companion of the Order of the British Empire, and Frank Spencer Spriggs, managing director of the Hawker Siddeley Aircraft Company which are the manufacturers of Hurricanes, has been knighted.

The C.B.E. (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) also goes to A. G. E. C. Chief Engineer of the aero division of Rolls, Royce, Ltd., whose engines are used in both Spitfires and Hurricanes, while R.K. Pierson, chief designer of Vickers Supermarine, makers of Spitfires, has been awarded the O.B.E. (Officer of the Order of the British Empire).

The Assistant Masters and foremen of famous aircraft factories also figure in the list of officers of the Order of the British Empire.

Far East Awards

The new Commanders of the British Empire are William Herbert Evans Thomas, a British subject resident in Tientsin; Vivian Gordon Bowden, Trade Commissioner in China for the Commonwealth of Australia; Ho Kom-long, for philanthropic and social services in Hongkong; Sidney Bacon Palmer, for public services in Malaya.

Officers of the British Empire.—Lieutenant Colonel Lowthian Hume Chidson, of the Straits Settlements Volunteer Force; Charles Eric Whitmore, one of the British Consuls in China; Cheah Ewin Leng, for public services in the Malay States; Major Wilkins Fitzwilliam Chipp, forest engineer of the Malayan Forest Service; William Bernard Finnigan, Registrar of the Hongkong University; Frank Dorrington War, former Government architect in the Malayan Public Works Service; the Venerable Graham White, for services to Education in the Straits Settlements; Tengku Omar Bin Osman, the Sultan of Trengganu.

Members of the British Empire are: Warrant Officer Paul Evelyn Baskett and Captain Victor Cecil Branson, both of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps; Lieutenant Abdul Hamid Khan, of the Malay States Volunteer Force; Cecil Hugh Rabbetts, architect of the British Embassy in Shanghai; Leslie Brewer, Chief Inspector of the Sanitary Department, Hongkong; John Schindler de Villiers, Chief Sanitary Inspector of the Straits Settlements; Captain Eric Seddon Lilley, Superintendent of Prisons, Malay States; Miss Mabel Murray Simmons, of the Public Health Department, Straits Settlements; and Miss Susan Frances Sutton, Principal Matron, Hongkong.

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